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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/605,562	<b>Applicant(s)</b> MARINOS, MANOS	
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### Period for Reply

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### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 and 4-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Takada et al.

Takada et al teaches a device for pasting wall paper which is comprised of the following elements: a main body member defined by side walls 20, bottom wall 5; a first vertical member 7 for containing adhesive, the first vertical member is disposed within the main body member; and a second vertical member 3 for containing adhesive, the second vertical member is disposed within the main body member. With respect to claim 5, Takada et al teaches work bench 15 is disposed underneath the main body member. With respect to claim 4, Takada et al apparatus includes adjustment pieces in communication with second vertical member or the elements of the brush as shown in Figure 2(d) which adjust the seal of the size press thereby helping prevent flow of size into the sheet roll unit.

Claims 2-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takada et al in view of Houston.

Takada et al is applied for the reasons noted above. Takada et al fails to teach a counter in communication with the main body member. However, it would have been obvious to modify the Takada et al apparatus by arranging a counter or length counter between the roll of wall paper and end wall of the sizing tank such as shown by Houston for the obvious advantage of being able to measure the amount of wall paper being dispensed (see Houston elements 56, 58 and 60). With respect to claim 3, Takada et al fails to teach adjustment pieces in communication with first vertical member. However, it would have been obvious to modify the Takada et al apparatus by providing adjustment pieces in communication with first vertical member since Houston shows adjustment pieces in communication with wall having means to adjust the final amount of size on the wallpaper for the obvious advantage of greater control of the amount and distribution of paste on the wallpaper (see Houston adjustments pieces which includes elements 42).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brenda Lamb whose telephone number is (571) 272-1231. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Tuesdays and Thursdays thru Fridays with alternate Wednesdays off.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on (571) 272-1226. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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